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Hunters find human remains

GLACE BAY The Cape Breton Regional Police are investigating human remains that have been found in Glace Bay.

Two hunters, who were out setting rabbit snares, made the discovery Friday.

A news release issued by regional police Saturday said an anthropologist from New Brunswick and a member of the medical examiner's office in Halifax have been contacted and will assist with the investigation.

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Calgary Stampeders players hoist the Grey Cup after defeating the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL's 96th Grey Cup championship game in Montreal yesterday. The Stampeders beat the Alouettes 22-14. **More coverage, page 11.**

Stampeders garner Grey Cup victory

Als lose in front of near-record hometown crowd

Calgary 22, Montreal 14

In the end, Henry Burris got the trophy he said he really wanted. And he got a bonus one, too.

The Calgary Stampeders quarterback, who lashed out when he and his team were overlooked in the Canadian Football League player awards last Thursday, led his team to its first Grey Cup victory since 2001 and was named game MVP last night at a jam-packed Olympic Stadium.

Burris claimed the game Most Valuable Trophy with a 328-yard, one-touchdown passing performance.

In a rather pedestrian game played before a crowd of 66,308, the second largest in Grey Cup history, Burris used his arm and legs to lead the Stamps

Grey Cup quick hits

• THE HERO:

Calgary pivot Henry Burris kept his offence moving with his passing arm and his legs, running for 79 yards and throwing for 328.

• THE GOAT:

Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo coughed up two in-

terceptions that led to Calgary points.

• TURNING POINT:

Calgary's Shannon James intercepted an end-zone pass in the fourth to end a Montreal drive with the Stamps leading 19-14.

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to a 22-14 victory over the crowd-favourite Montreal Alouettes.

His performance should be enough to silence the critics, who said he couldn't win the big game.

"I feel like I'm living a dream right now," said Burris, who also had a game-high 79 yards rushing.

"It was a long journey, but you can tell this team has matured and learned a lot from our journey."

Unfortunately for Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo, the storybook ending to an emotional season was not to be, as he lost his fifth Grey Cup in six tries.

Calvillo credited the Stampeders defence, but took responsibility for the loss and the two interceptions he surrendered.

"When you look at the big picture, those two plays really cost us the game,"

said Calvillo, who missed the end of last season when his wife was diagnosed with lymphoma.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity (to win at home), and we just let it slip through our hands."

"It's going to make for a long off-season."

The offensive fireworks expected from the league's top two offences never materialized, as most of the scoring came from field goals — five by Calgary's Sandro DeAngelis and two from Montreal's Damon Duval.

The teams managed only one touchdown apiece as they continuously came up short in the red zone.

The keys to the game were the two Calgary interceptions.

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Clean up the snow: Cops

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FINES It's got to be tempting to ignore the snow piling up in front of your home and let the sun take care of it.

But you'll probably get a \$200 fine.

Police are reminding citizens that most people in the former city of Halifax are responsible for clearing off sidewalks in front of their property.

Some have it easy. The city takes charge of sidewalk clearing in District 10 Clayton Park West, District 15 Fairview-Clayton Park and District 16 Rockingham Wentworth.

But for the rest of people living in peninsular Halifax, Armadale, Purcell's Cove and Spryfield, it's up to them. Sidewalks abutting property have to be cleared within 12 hours after the end of any snow fall, or six hours after daylight if the storm was during the night.

Sidewalks must be cleared to the bare pavement for a minimum width of three feet. If it's not done, the municipality will give notice to the homeowner to clear the sidewalk within 24 hours. If after that it still isn't cleared, the municipality will remove the snow at the owner's expense, and possibly fine them \$222 or more.

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If you keep parking your car on the street during storms, you could get ticketed or towed. On-street parking is banned while crews are trying to clear streets of snow and ice. Plus, the plow could bury your car. For more information, visit www.halifax.ca and click on transportation, snow and ice control. **METRO HALIFAX**

Move your car when it snows or face penalty

Local



Food costs rising

The rising price of food helped drive a 2.6 per cent increase in consumer prices in October, says Statistics Canada. But that's actually good news — September showed a 3.4 per cent increase. The falling price of gas helped, but Statistics Canada says mortgage interest and energy is all going up. **METRO HALIFAX**

Winter storm packs a punch

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There was likely plenty of aching backs this weekend as Nova Scotia dug itself out from a heavy snowstorm.

Overnight Saturday, 20 centimetres of snow fell as recorded at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. The storm blanketed HRM — some roads weren't fully cleared until yesterday.

According to Halifax Regional Police, most people stayed indoors during the storm and there were few accidents.

"It was a Saturday, thank God. That probably saved us a lot," said Staff Sgt. Don Fox.

"The only problems we had were people who couldn't move their vehicles, and the snow plows

had to go around them. But that was minimal."

RCMP said they received several calls



brought to a near-standstill. All roads in the county were closed early Saturday morning. Many roads

became passable by noon, but Highway 104 was shut down for most of the day from Truro to the New Brunswick border.

That was the same highway where more than 1,500 vehicles were jammed in traffic overnight after the route was blocked during another storm Wednesday.

Part of the problem dealing with these early snowstorms is a lack of staff. Many government workers charged with removing snow work seasonally and typically don't start until Dec. 1. Others

about abandoned vehicles and cars sliding off the road, but there were no serious injuries.

Other parts of the province were hit harder. Cumberland County was



Above: Jacob Morley digs his car out from underneath a pile of snow on North Park Street yesterday. Left: Nine-year-old Gordon Stevens launches off a jump on Citadel Hill yesterday.

were caught offguard, as well. Some stores have yet to receive their full winter stock and reported shortages of products

such as snow shovels.

Some parts of the province, though, were spared from the snow. Most of Cape Breton saw

more rain than snow, with Sydney getting 30mm. Antigonish and Guysborough counties also had mostly rain.

Storm chaos prompts new protocol

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The Transportation Minister says new protocols will be decided today to avoid any more storm chaos on Nova Scotia highways.

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Murray Scott is meet-

ing with his department today to review what happened on the Cobequid Pass last week.

Officials from the Emergency Management Office, local and provincial police and fire representatives will also be there.

The plan is to figure out a provincial response to emergencies similar to

"It will ensure that someone's in charge if events like this happen."

Murray Scott

what happened last Wednesday. More than 1,500 cars were stranded

overnight on the Cobequid Pass, a stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway, after a storm hit.

"It will ensure that someone's in charge if events like this happen," Scott said. "There's lot of lessons to be learned here, and I'm certainly willing to listen to all those (involved)."

Successful surgery removes young boy's facial growth

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A Vietnamese orphan is back in his adopted home of Halifax after his successful first surgery in Boston to remove a large facial growth.

Doctors say the surgery went better than expected on Son Pham, 11, at the Children's Hospital in Boston on Thursday.

"It went very well this time," said Olwn Walter, the Halifax woman who is taking care of Pham.

"They were actually able to do more than what they initially thought they were going to be able to do.

"There's swelling right now, but it's already a bit smaller than it was even before going into the surgery."

It's a welcome relief to the boy, who usually faced disappointment after treatments.

Before the surgery, doctors in Boston had been doing injection treatments on the large growth.

The growth would initially swell up larger, then gradually subside and shrink.

"You can imagine how discouraging it was the first few times where he'd go in and the whole objective is to get this smaller and he'd end up leaving the hospital with it swollen to at least a third bigger than it was going in," said Walter.

But not this time. This was Pham's first surgery and doctors were able to remove even more than they had planned.

"Son is pleased with the results, which is the most important thing," said Walter.

"Yesterday when he was getting ready to go to the airport from the hospital, he looked in the mirror and said to me, 'It's smaller,' and he smiled."

Pham is due back in Boston in January for more injection treatment.

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Watch a meteor streak across the Alberta sky at metronews.ca/canada

Lotteries
Friday, Nov. 21
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Saturday, Nov. 22
Lotto 6/49: 9, 21, 28, 37, 44 & 49 Bonus 19
These results are not official.

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Province cracks down on frivolous lawsuits

COURT The government hopes to cut down on frivolous lawsuits by putting restrictions on wasting the court's time.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke introduced legislation Friday that aims to cut down people needlessly tying up courtroom resources.

It targets people who repeatedly launch or continue court proceedings without reasonable grounds.

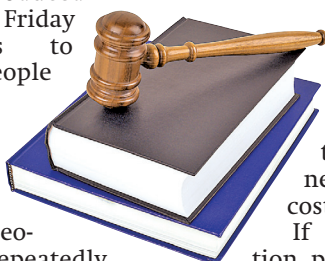
"These proceedings are without reasonable grounds and are brought

forward to harass a defendant," said Clarke.

"The judiciary has asked for the legislation because these proceedings strain court resources, waste time and result in defendants having to incur unnecessary legal costs."

If the legislation passes, judges would have the power to end such claims.

An investigation by the Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia concluded



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Cecil Clarke

people who file frivolous court claims — known as vexatious litigants — pose a threat to the Nova Scotia civil justice system.

Seven other provinces and the Supreme Court and Federal Court of Canada have similar rules.

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Work starts on new rec centre

Construction began Friday on the Mainland Common Centre. Crews began digging ground for the swimming pools, and they may begin blasting over the next few weeks. For more information, visit www.halifax.ca/mainlandcommon. **METRO HALIFAX**



Jeremy Morris sands down his board during the Nova Scotia Sea School surfboard-building class at the Bloomfield Centre yesterday. Ten first-time surfboard builders crafted the boards from scratch over the weekend.

Riding winter waves

Cold weather doesn't deter students of board-shaping class

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Winter weather won't stop Jeremy Morris from trying out his new surfboard.

The 32-year-old surfer spent the last week crafting a long board, which he's anxious to get in the water.

"As soon as it's done, I'm going to try it out," he said. "I've got a winter wetsuit so I can surf all year round."

Morris said it would be "painful" if he had to wait until the summer.

He was one of 10 students to enrol in what's advertised as Canada's only surfboard-building course. They started last weekend and were supposed to wrap up yesterday, but they got snowed

out Saturday and it put them behind.

"It will be great to have a board I shaped myself. I've really tried to make it into a nose-riding board and it will be really interesting to see if I did," he said.

"It allows you to understand the dynamics that go into surfing better, to see what I did in the shop translate in the water."

With the winter storm on the weekend, Morris said a generally summer sport like surfing seemed far away.

"It's definitely not Hawaii here, is it?"

Students started out with a block of foam they shaped into sleek surfboards. For the design, Morris was inspired by an

unlikely source: A box of tea. He tracked down the artist who created the pattern on the tea box and got her to provide him with a design for his board.

Some surfboard-shapers say it takes 100 boards before they hit upon something that fits just right, Morris said, but he's hoping his handmade board will work.

"It's going to work. Is it going to work perfectly? Well, we'll see," he said.

"I'll be happy with it. I already know it's going to be a good time."

A long board like the one Morris made would fetch at least \$800 to \$900 on the market, and the course cost him \$700.

"I've got a winter wetsuit so I can surf all year round."

Jeremy Morris

Vandals target Dartmouth neighbourhoods

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Several Cole Harbour and Forest Hills residents woke up to find their car windows smashed on Friday morning.

Thirteen vehicles had their windows broken. RCMP believe the vandalism started at around 10 p.m. on Thursday, and a

baseball bat is the suspected weapon.

A witness noticed an older model, steel-blue car with "boxy" tail lights driving around the area. The witness described one of possibly four suspects as a white man with short hair wearing glasses and a puffy blue jacket.

Vehicles parked in the Nestor Crescent, Arklow Drive, Serop Crescent and

John Steward Drive areas were damaged.

There were also reports of five vehicles on Regal Drive with smashed-out windows. Police believe the same suspects are involved.

Police are asking for anyone with information to contact RCMP, Halifax Regional Police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Crime spree leads to three arrests

Two men armed with "long guns" went on a short crime spree Saturday morning.

At 2 a.m., two men wearing bandanas over their faces approached another man who was walking along Windmill Road. The suspects produced what the police are calling a long gun and robbed the man. He was left uninjured.

Then, 15 minutes later, the two men walked into Robert's Pizza on Windmill Road each armed with long

guns and demanded cash from the restaurant's two patrons before turning their attention to the clerk.

The employee refused to empty the till, and one suspect fired a round next to the clerk. The suspects got the cash and left on foot.

Police responded quickly to the crimes, arresting three men at a Springhill address and discovering the robberies were planned by the two suspects and a third man, who didn't accompa-

ny them. Police found the third man in possession of the two long guns used in the robberies. Two of the suspects are 18 and the other is 17.

Police laid a shopping list of charges on the three men, including robbery, possessing a weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, and pointing a firearm.

All three suspects are in police custody and will appear in court this morning.

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News in brief

ROBBERY A 21-year-old man was walking in the Bedford Highway-Dartmouth Road area when a car stopped him. It was 1 a.m. when the dark, four-door

car stopped. A passenger armed with a metal pipe got out and told the victim to hand over all his valuables. The victim complied and was then

punched in the face. He got a small cut on his lip. The suspect is described as a white man, five-foot-10, who was wearing a grey jacket. **METRO HALIFAX**

'It's torn the family apart'

Waiting 16 months in Toronto for lung transplants, Marilyn MacKay may have to come home

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Marilyn MacKay is about to give up her spot on a waiting list for a double lung transplant.

Her husband, Ken MacKay, says his family can no longer afford to stay in Toronto to wait for the surgery, which isn't available here.

The Nova Scotia government doesn't pay cost-of-living expenses when people have to go outside the province for surgeries not available here.

Newfoundland and Labrador and the Northwest Territories pick up the costs for their residents.

What began as a six-month wait for the MacKays in Toronto has turned into 16 months.

"It's just basically torn the family apart," MacKay said during an emotional interview Friday.

The Louisdale, Richmond Co., man has sold his car,



Ken MacKay's wife Marilyn has been waiting for a double lung-transplant surgery in Toronto for 16 months. The Nova Scotia government doesn't pay cost-of-living expenses when people are forced to go out of province for medical treatment.

four-wheeler and boat to help cover the \$35,000 costs so far. Various communities have raised funds on their behalf. And the Lung Associ-

ation of Nova Scotia has given them a three-month reprieve.

But they only have enough money to keep

Marilyn in Toronto until January. MacKay says his wife thinks the stress and hassle may not be worth it anymore.

"She's seriously looking at coming home in January," he said. "She will just come home to spend what time she has left with her family."

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont said the province is already picking up all the costs of the surgery. He said he is looking into a few options that could help the MacKays, such as buying a home in Toronto. He said he hopes to have something in place by January.

"We don't want Marilyn to come home. We want Marilyn to get her transplant," d'Entremont said.

On Friday, Richmond MLA Michel Samson announced he's introducing a bill to offer support after three months to those who must travel out of province for surgery.

"We hope that this is at least a means of forcing the minister to provide us with the numbers, have a reasonable discussion and put a plan in place," Samson said.

Province boosts sports funding

PROGRAMS It's not steroids, but the province has given athletes a shot in the arm.

Sport Nova Scotia will get \$127,000 a year for the next three years, and another \$127,000 is coming from the federal government for the Sport Futures Leadership and after-school programs.

The first program helps sports organizations develop activities for young people. The Nova Scotia Golf Association, Tennis Nova Scotia, Swim Nova Scotia, Athletics Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Curling Association are a few of the 17 organizations that have accessed this program.

The after-school program is involved with eight elementary schools, with 575 students from Grades 3 to 6 participating. They can participate in physical activity programming outside the regular school curriculum.

High school students are also trained to be program leaders.

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Can buses and bicycles share the same lane?

We'll soon find out: The city has re-designated the bus lane that turns from Wyse Road in Dartmouth onto the Macdonald bridge, and the bus lane from the bridge onto North Street, as bus and bicycle lanes. **METRO HALIFAX**

Business school offers advice for entrepreneurs

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Just think of it as fertilizer for your business.

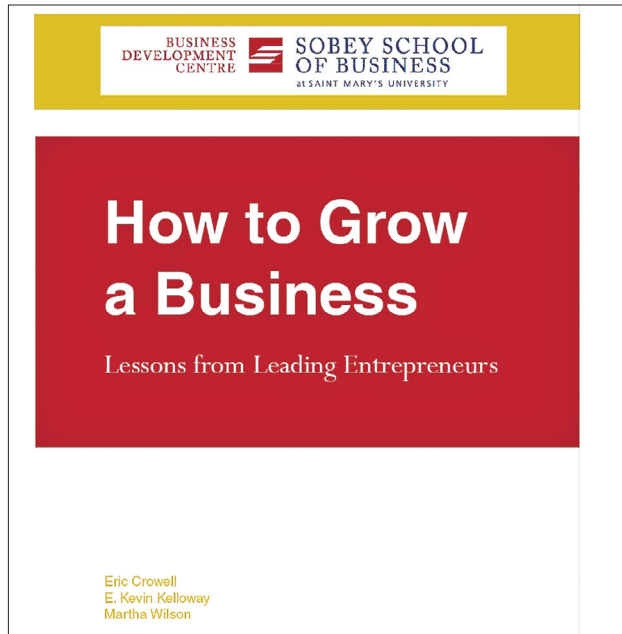
Saint Mary's University Business Development Centre is launching a new book that features tips and tricks from some of Nova Scotia's most successful entrepreneurs.

"They range from how to get the best staff, how to manage and motivate them, looking at new and different markets (to) meeting the needs of their customers," said Eric Crowell, director of the Saint Mary's Business Development Centre.

The book, titled *How to Grow a Business: Lessons from Leading Entrepreneurs*, offers more than 100 bits of advice, research on best practices, and profiles of eight Nova Scotian entrepreneurs, such as Colin MacDonald of Clearwater Seafoods, Jeff and Debra Moore of Just Us!, and Phil Fraser of Killam Properties.

"These are really ordinary, every-day Nova Scotians that have managed to do very extraordinary things," Crowell said.

"To start a company is hard work. To keep it going is even harder. But to grow it quickly takes an awful lot of energy,



The cover of *How to Grow a Business*, being launched by Saint Mary's University Business Development Centre.

Book launch

- **What:** Book launch for *How to Grow a Business: Lessons from Leading Entrepreneurs*.
- **When:** The launch is Friday at 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Sobey Conference Theatre. Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University.
- **How much:** Free. The book costs \$18.95.

planning (and) diverse skills."

Crowell said he focused on Nova Scotia companies who do business worldwide because of the perception that the province is removed from major markets.

"Selling to other countries is seen as really complicated and difficult," he said.

A common thread shared by the entrepreneurs is their ability to spot potential business opportunities, he added.

Equalization payment uncertain: Casey

EQUALIZATION Nova Scotia's offshore agreement with Ottawa may be in trouble again, says Bill Casey.

The Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley MP asked Finance Minister Jim Flaherty a question regarding the agreement Thursday in the House of Commons.

The agreement, reached in October 2007, included a cumulative 3.5 per cent

"I can only draw the conclusion the 3.5 per cent guaranteed escalator clause is in jeopardy."

Bill Casey, MP

guaranteed escalator clause until the end of the agreement in 2020.

But Wednesday's throne speech said there would be

a cap on equalization increases.

Casey asked Flaherty if Nova Scotia would receive the 3.5 per cent annual increase.

"He didn't even come close to answering the question," the Independent MP said.

"I can only draw the conclusion the 3.5 per cent guaranteed escalator clause is in jeopardy."

News in brief

MEDIA With a constant flow of news stories about economic uncertainty, one might wonder just how accurate the coverage is. "There's been a lot of sensationalism and it hasn't helped things," says David Baskin, the president of Baskin Financial Services in Toronto. "I think in some cases, it's panicked people." The news media is trying to over simplify what caused the economic uncertainty, says Rick Nason, a finance professor at Dalhousie and the co-founder of RSD Solutions, an international risk management consulting and training firm.

AWARD Shannex Health Care, a Maritime-based business focused on seniors living, has received a Maritime Business Ethics award from the Better Business Bureau. The Better Business Bureau of the Maritime Provinces handed out awards in five categories at its fourth annual awards ceremony, this year at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. Shannex, owned by Port Hawkesbury businessman Joe Shannon, was nominated in the category of companies with more than 100 employees. Shannex Health Care, has been in operation since 1991.

MANUFACTURING With the North American automotive industry facing a crisis, concern is growing about how those troubles may trickle down to Cape Breton manufacturers. Earlier this month, Precision Finished Components, a division of Magna International Inc.'s Magna Powertrain, announced it was laying off 17 workers at its North Sydney plant in response to difficult economic conditions. CBRM Coun. Clarence Prince noted there's also increasing concern about the future of Atlantic Castings. **METRO HALIFAX**

Police offer reward in unsolved '06 murder

CRIME Investigators are willing to pay up to \$150,000 for help in solving a Wolfville murder.

Leslie Ann Conrad was reported missing by her brother Oct. 6, 2006.

That Nov. 22, a hunter found human remains in a shallow grave near Melanson Road in Kings County.

The remains were determined to be those of Conrad.

On Friday, the Justice Department announced it will offer cash rewards up

to \$150,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of whoever is responsible for Conrad's murder.

It's the latest case added to Nova Scotia's Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program, which launched in 2006.

Those who come forward with information will be expected to provide their name and contact information, and could be called to testify in court.

Investigators concluded

Conrad, of Lower Wolfville, was buried at Robinson Corner within 24 hours of her last reported sighting.

Police want to know if any suspicious vehicles or persons were seen in the Melanson Mountain area on the afternoon or evening of Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, or early morning the next day.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call toll-free 1-888-710-9090.

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Winter Driving Tips

Slow down. It's winter.

- ◆ **Don't drive during a storm.** Call and check local road conditions: 1-888-432-3233, or 511 for highway conditions.
- ◆ **Watch out for "black ice"** when temperatures are just under or just above freezing.
- ◆ **Adjust your speed to conditions.** If driving slowly pull over to let those behind you pass.
- ◆ **Follow traffic at a safe distance** and don't pass a snow plow that is clearing snow from the road.
- ◆ **Keep your vehicle in top working order** and equipped with proper winter tires that are in good condition.
- ◆ **Have a winter survival kit** in your vehicle.
- ◆ **Don't park on the roadside.**

- Provincial highway conditions: 511
- Local road information: 1-888-432-3233
- www.gov.ns.ca/tran/winter

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Five people, including a baby, escaped serious injury when a twin-engine medevac plane crash-landed and burst into flames in northern Manitoba on Saturday night. The Transportation Safety Board is investigating. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

"The auto-sector demand alone could cause our deficit to dramatically balloon."

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty



Bailout

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, left, has warned that giving taxpayers' money to support the auto sector could drive the province's deficit into dangerous territory. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Breakthrough for B.C. cancer-research team

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

MEDICINE A team of scientists at the B.C. Cancer Agency in Vancouver has made a milestone discovery in the fight to end breast cancer, the agency announced yesterday.

The findings, which were published this week in the medical journal *Nature Medicine*, will allow scientists to better study breast stem cells, likely the cause of breast cancers.

"We've devised a way to detect and see those stem cells in breasts," said Peter Eirew, lead author of the study.

"Up until now, we haven't been able to set them apart from the other cells."

Recession could land in '09: PM

Canada could dip into a technical recession later this year or early 2009, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday, vowing to use fiscal stimulus if needed.

Harper told reporters at an Asia-Pacific leaders summit any stimulus package must be effective in boosting domestic consumption and stimulating investment, while avoiding the creation of long-term budget deficits.

"The most recent private-sector forecast suggests the strong possibility

of a technical recession at the end of this year, beginning of next," he told a

news conference in Lima.

This month, the IMF said Canada was the only developed country that it expected to post growth next year amid a widening global financial and economic crisis.

But Harper said rising deflationary pressures were a "worrying development" that required him to rethink temporarily his long-standing opposition to deficit spending. **REUTERS**

Recession

- Economists define recession as two consecutive quarters of contraction. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty echoed the PM, saying that the global crisis may have pushed Canada's economy into recession.



Premier Gordon Campbell, centre, federal Sports Minister Gary Lunn, left, and Vancouver Organizing Committee CEO John Furlong hold the torch used in the Calgary 1988 Winter Olympics in front of a map showing the 2010 Olympic Flame route.

Torch to touch most of Canada

OLYMPICS The torch relay for the 2010 Winter Olympics will cover 45,000 kilometres and pass through 266 British Columbia communities as it crosses Canada.

The relay will be the longest domestic torch run in Olympic history and will also include 115 Aboriginal communities across Canada, organizers said.

"Aboriginal culture is an important part of Canada's history," said Tewanee Joseph, CEO for the Four Host First Nations Society.

"Inuit will be like Atanarjuat," said Mary Simon, president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the national Inuit organization in Canada. "We'll be fast runners

Protests

- The international portion of the relay has been cancelled. The torch run for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing was marked by anti-China protests in several countries.

when the torch relay comes to the communities in our four Arctic regions."

The Olympic Flame, which will be lit in Greece, will begin its cross-Canada tour Oct. 30, 2009, in Victoria and pass through 1,000 communities.

It will then wind its way back to Vancouver on Feb. 12, 2010.

The route will take the flame to within a one-hour drive of 90 per cent of the Canadian population in a bid to drum up support for the event, the Vancouver Organizing Committee said.

The route includes trips by air and water, including a flight to Alert, Nunavut, that will bring the torch to the world's northernmost permanently inhabited community and within 900 kilometres of the North Pole.

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Teen beaten for having red hair

CALGARY Thirteen high school students in Calgary have been suspended after a red-headed teen was beaten because of the colour of his hair.

Calgary police are looking into the assault as a possible hate crime.

The attacks came on a

day promoted by a Facebook group as Kick a Ginger Day. The Facebook group urged members to kick people with red hair — referred to as ginger kids — on Nov. 20.

There were also reported "Ginger" assaults in B.C., as well. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

News in brief

IMMIGRATION Canada will maintain its current policy of encouraging immigration to meet identified labour short-

ages in key areas, despite the worldwide financial crisis, Jason Kenney, the minister for immigration, said. **REUTERS**

Mystery 'Buddha boy' in Nepal vanishes again

A teenage Nepali boy many believe is an incarnation of Lord Buddha went missing Friday after blessing thousands of supporters, police said. This is the third time Ram Bahadur Bamjon, 17, has disappeared since his first appearance three years ago. **REUTERS**

World



Saudi prince seeks checkups

Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz, thought to be in his 80s, left Saudi Arabia for the United States yesterday for medical checkups, state media reported. Royal and diplomatic sources said he would be treated for cancer. He had an intestinal cyst removed in Saudi Arabia in 2005 and diplomats say he is in weaker health than his half-brother King Abdullah. **REUTERS**

Violence against Afghan children rising, UN says

REPORT Violations of children's rights are increasing in Afghanistan with more attacks against schools, more children killed and more evidence of child sexual abuse, the United Nations said yesterday.

The report was conducted using a combination of data from agencies working across Afghanistan and anecdotal reports or allegations of violations against children.

The report, produced by UNICEF for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, said western military operations were killing more children, and pointed to an air strike in July in which 30 of the 47 civilians killed were children.

Another major concern for UNICEF is sexual abuse against children, particularly boys being kept as sex slaves by wealthy men.

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News in brief

ISRAEL An Israeli court sentenced eight Jewish teenagers yesterday to between one and seven years in prison for carrying out a year-long spree of neo-Nazi attacks in a case that sparked national revulsion.

THAILAND Thousands of anti-government protesters began marching to parliament in Bangkok yesterday, calling it the "final" push in their five-month street campaign to unseat the administration.

REUTERS

APEC leaders promise swift economic action

Calls made for more free trade, spending

The United States, China, Japan and 18 other economies in Asia and the Americas pledged quick and decisive action yesterday to prevent a severe global economic downturn.

With recession gripping parts of the world and financial markets in chaos, leaders at the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum said the slowdown is "one of the most serious economic challenges we have ever faced."

They said free trade and higher government spending were key to resolving the crisis, and supported a

"We are convinced that we can overcome this crisis in a period of 18 months."

APEC leaders

big push to revive long-stalled global trade talks by seeking agreements on contentious farming and manufactured goods.

Their pledges at the end of a two-day summit in Peru echoed the measures called for by the Group of 20 major economies at a meeting in Washington a week earlier, and widened

the support for drastic action to stimulate lending and spending.

They promised at the summit to work together to ease the turmoil, agreed not to adopt new trade barriers for a year and called for better regulation of the financial industry.

They also supported overhauls of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank at a time when more countries need emergency bailouts to avert economic disaster.

"We are convinced that we can overcome this crisis in a period of 18 months," the leaders said at the summit. **REUTERS**

Obama supports auto-plan demand

ECONOMY President-elect Barack Obama backs congressional demands that U.S. automakers provide a game plan for long-term survival before lawmakers approve a taxpayer-funded bailout, a senior adviser said yesterday.

The plans are due Dec. 2, and lawmakers will hear again from corporate executives when Congress returns the week of Dec. 8.

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Ransoms bring wealth to Somalia

PIRACY Massive ransoms demanded by Somali pirates have brought rapid development to former fishing villages that now thrive with businesses and boast new beachside hotels, patronized by cash-rich buccaneers who have become celebrities. **REUTERS**

Mexico Blurring gender boundaries



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Pedro Martinez, left, braids the hair of a friend dressed in the traditional costume of a Zapotec woman at the town of Juchitan in southern Mexico on Saturday. Over the weekend, the festival of the "muxes" was held for indigenous gays and transvestites in Juchitan, where they have found a haven of acceptance in Mexico's macho society.

Obama to announce top economic officials today

POLITICS President-elect Barack Obama yesterday prepared to announce his top economic team today as he worked on a stimulus plan designed to lift the country out of its worst financial crisis in decades.

The names for the two top jobs became known over the weekend — Timothy Geithner, 47, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as treasury secretary; and Lawrence

Stimulus plan

- Obama has not put a price tag on the U.S. stimulus package. In October, he mentioned \$175 billion US as a figure.

Summers, 53, a former treasury secretary under Bill Clinton, as director of the National Economic Council.

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Savvy holiday shopping tips

HineSight

Anne Hines



Thirty-one days until Christmas. Once again I find myself asking, "If the holidays are about home and family, why am I always alone in a mall?"

I could buy gifts online. But I always feel this should be dubbed, "Internet shop-

ping. When you care enough to send the best. But not to actually go out and get it yourself."

To make your gift buying easier, here is The HineSight Guide to Savvy Seasonal Shopping.

1. Before scouring the stores for that one perfect unforgettable present, follow three steps. Pause. Think of all the unforgettable gifts you've given or received in previous years. If you can't remember more than two, just buy everyone socks.

2. Forget gift cards. My daughter, Jade, says, "Gift

Make shopping an extreme sport. My brother, Bruce, believes there is no life event so onerous that it can't be turned into a competition.

cards: They're like cash. Only worse." I still have cards from places like Heidi's House of Hostas and Sausage World. And convenience-wise, you may still have to go from store to store to get them. Even cash has to be procured and shoved in an envelope. If we really wanted convenience, there's an obvious solution. Direct deposit from

your account to your loved ones'.

3. Convert to Buddhism. Really. Right now. Buddhists are joyous, peaceful people so you know they don't have to go into a single mall in December. Any religion that doesn't require gifts this time of year will do. Saying, "I'm sorry. I'm a disciple of the Goddess Habukku," should get

you out of that Secret Santa draw no problem.

4. Make shopping an extreme sport. My brother, Bruce, believes there is no life event so onerous that it can't be turned into a competition. Bruce would start his Christmas shopping at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24. If the gift he gave you came in a Shoppers Drug Mart bag, you knew he didn't make it to your present before the mall closed at six.

5. Never give someone a poinsettia. Poinsettias should be genetically engineered to die on Dec. 31. They're the Survivor con-

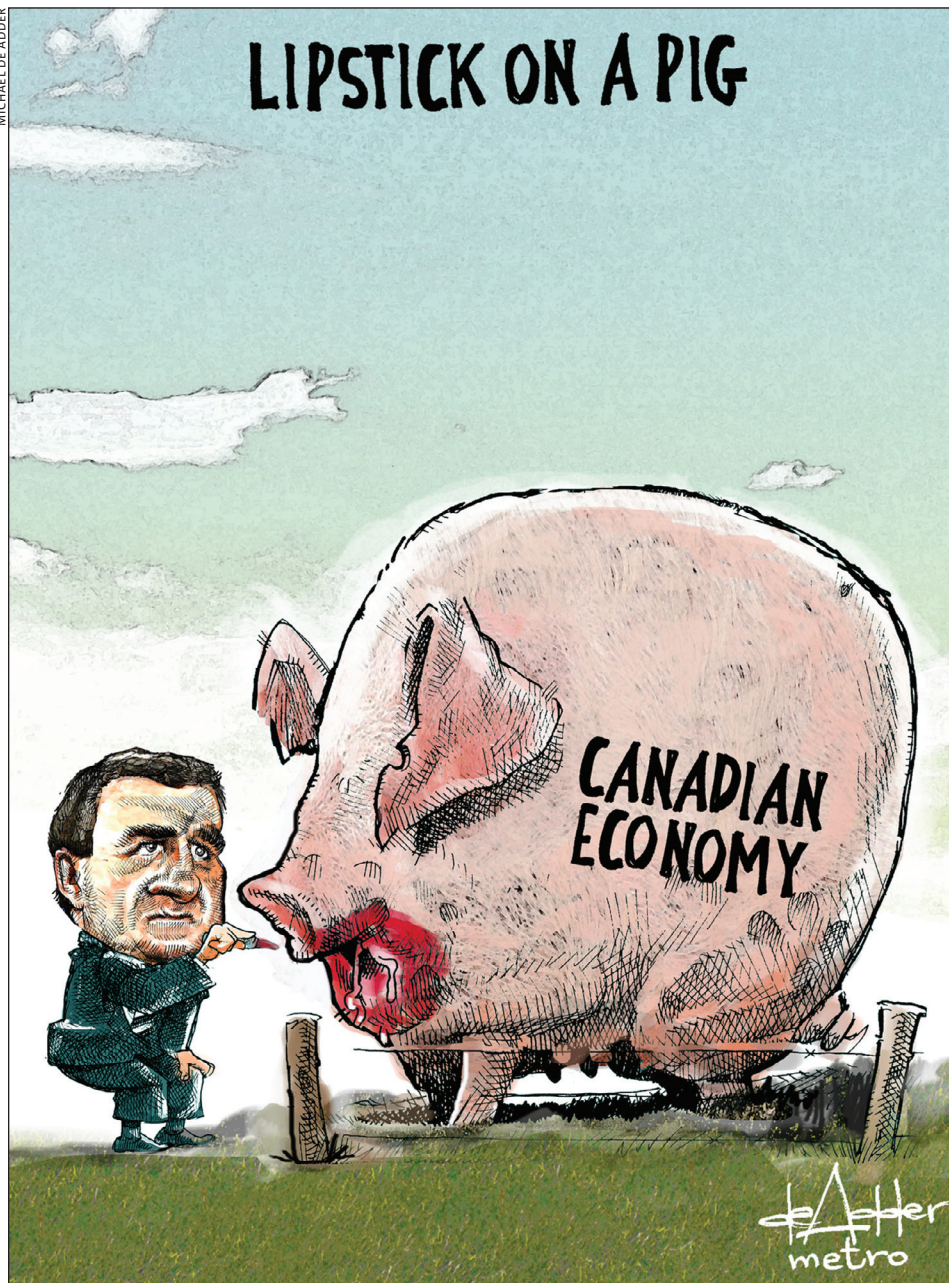
testants of the plant world. I can starve them, ignore them, stick them in the basement and they still hang on for months, proclaiming, "Isn't this fun? I'm all about Christmas." By April, I'm tossing them into the compost bin and I feel like I've killed Santa Claus.

These few simple rules can make the holidays less daunting. And we need that.

Because it's only 395 days until next Christmas.

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Views

Sustainability equals harmony

CleanBreak

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What is sustainability? If I had to describe it in a single word, it would be harmony, harmony with nature and each other.

When we act sustainably, we aim to improve the environment, the economy, and health for present and future generations. One example is active transportation, like walking, cycling, skateboarding, skating and even canoeing. Active transportation can save money, help reduce air pollution and improve your fitness.

Why care about sustainability? Well, consider the following choices. Clean air or asthma? Biodiversity or resource collapse? Energy security or energy scarcity? Clean water or polluted water? Empty calories or healthy food? You get the picture.

Can everyone make a difference? Absolutely. Consider the current campaign, One Million Acts of

Green. It's already at more than 350,000 individual acts that saved money, improved air quality, and reduced more than 16 million kilograms of greenhouse gases. That's enough to fill approximately 16,000 two-storey houses. If you're interested, visit green.cbc.ca to get handy tips and join other Canadians in taking action.

This column will be all about you and your questions on topics such as active transportation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water, waste and emissions, and climate change. I'll use my own experience to answer, or — like in the game shows — call the experts, or ask you for advice.

Let's kick things off with a question I was recently asked: What is the difference between EnerGuide and ENERGY STAR labels? EnerGuide labels are found on many appliances, and provide information on the energy efficiency of that product so you can compare it to other models.

ENERGY STAR labels tell you that an electronic product or appliance meets or exceeds high standards for energy efficiency. A refrigerator could have an

EnerGuide label but not be an ENERGY STAR appliance. Many products can include ENERGY STAR labels, including windows.

When evaluating the cost of energy-efficiency products or systems, consider the upfront, operating and disposal costs. Energy-efficient products are often the clear winner when you take total costs into consideration.

For more information check out the Office of Energy Efficiency at <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/star/>.

I look forward to your questions. Please send them to rochelle.owen@gmail.com.

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General Motors returns jets after outcry

General Motors Corp. will return two of its leased corporate jets, and Ford could sell some of its jets, after being blasted this week for flying on a private jet to Washington to ask the U.S. federal government for public funds. **REUTERS**

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Business



Coffee-grower takeover?

Coffee-growing nations should buy Starbucks and create their own distribution chain amid the coffee chain's slowing sales and store closures, Colombia's coffee federation chief said yesterday. Gabriel Silva said Colombia will acquire four times the coffee stocks it did a year ago, to build up inventory and shore up coffee prices. **REUTERS**

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Free-trade agreement with Colombia signed

Canada and Colombia have signed a free-trade agreement, hoping to boost investment and trade flows at a time of global economic instability.

The pact, which has been criticized by union leaders in both countries as well as opposition politicians and human-rights activists who say Colombia is not doing enough to stop attacks on activists, includes side agreements on labour and environmental rights.

The deal must be ratified by lawmakers in both countries. It was signed as leaders from the United States, China, Japan, Canada, Australia and other Pacific Rim economies gather in Peru's capital, Lima, for a summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, forum.

The deal details

- Tariffs on 98 per cent of Canadian exports to Colombia would be eliminated immediately or within 10 years.
- In the next three to seven years, tariffs on most Colombian exports to Canada would also be cut.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe said at a news conference the trade deal sent an anti-protectionism message at a time of economic turmoil when some countries have increased trade barriers.

Harper said a stalled Colombia-U.S. free-trade deal would also send a message of commitment to open markets if it could move forward. **REUTERS**

Egypt Polluted waters



A fisherman wears a mask, which he says protects his face from water pollution, in Lake Manzala near Port Said, which is about 300 kilometres north of Cairo yesterday.

Business in brief

ECONOMY Saudi Arabia slashed interest rates to three per cent, for the third time since October, and the United Arab Emirates intervened in a property merger and brought it under a state-owned bank yesterday in moves to contain the impact of the credit crunch.

BAILOUT British Prime Minister Gordon Brown defended his plan to inject up to 20 billion pounds of borrowed money into the economy to stave off recession in the form of tax cuts and extra public spending, saying failure to act could cause permanent damage. **REUTERS**

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Going Green

Hybrids produce less CO₂

Looking for a new car? A hybrid car produces two tonnes of CO₂ over 20,000 kilometres driven; a gasoline sedan produces four tonnes of CO₂; and an SUV produces six tonnes of CO₂, according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make a Difference by Tanya Ha.

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A behemoth that won't stop growing

The economy is a monster, threatening the very things that keep the planet habitable

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Have you noticed that we describe the market and economy as if they were living entities? The market is showing signs of stress. The economy is healthy. The economy is on life-support.

Sometimes, we act as if the economy is larger than life. In the past, people trembled in fear of dragons,

demons, gods and monsters, sacrificing anything — virgins, money, newborn babies — to appease them. We know now that those fears were superstitious imaginings, but we have replaced them with a new behemoth: The economy.

Even stranger, economists believe this behemoth can grow forever. Indeed, the measure of how well a government or corporation is doing is its record of economic growth. But our home — the biosphere, or zone of air, water, and land where all life exists — is finite and fixed. It can't grow. And nothing within such a world can grow indefinitely. In focusing on constant growth, we fail to ask the important

For the first time in four billion years of life on Earth, one species has become so powerful and plentiful that it is altering the physical, chemical and biological features of the planet on a geological scale.

questions. What is an economy for? Am I happier with all this stuff? How much is enough?

A timely new book by York University environmental economist Peter Victor, *Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster*, addresses the absurdity of an economic system based on endless growth. Victor also shows that the concept of growth as an indispensable feature of economics is a recent

phenomenon.

The economy is not a force of nature, some kind of immutable, infallible entity. We created it, and when cracks appear, it makes no sense to simply shovel on more money to keep it going. Because it's a human invention, an economy is something we should be able to fix — but if we can't, we should toss it out and replace it with something better.

This current economic

crisis provides an opportunity to re-examine our priorities. For decades, scientists and environmentalists have been alarmed at global environmental degradation.

For the first time in four billion years of life on Earth, one species has become so powerful and plentiful that it is altering the physical, chemical and biological features of the planet on a geological scale. And so we have to ask, "What is the collective impact of everyone in the world?" We've never had to do that before, and it's difficult. Even when we do contemplate our global effects, we have no mechanism to respond as one species to the crises.

So all the things an intact ecosystem does to keep the planet vibrant and healthy for animals like us are simply ignored in our economy. No wonder futurist Hazel Henderson describes conventional economics as "a form of brain damage."

Nature's services keep the planet habitable for animals like us and must become an integral component of a new economic structure. We must get off this suicidal focus on endless, mindless growth.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.david-suzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

News in brief

ELECTRIC CARS San Francisco Bay area cities have promised to be the electric-car capital of the United States, announcing a plan to work with Better Place to put battery-powered autos on the road in 2012. Mayors of San Francisco, Silicon Valley capital San Jose,

Oakland and other cities in the region said they would offer incentives and standardize infrastructure with Better Place, a startup that aims to offer electric cars as a service, like a cellphone, at prices similar or below standard cars. The San Francisco Bay area has the rep-

utation as one of the most liberal and environmentally active parts of the U.S., and as the economic downturn sweeps through the tech sector, it is looking to clean technology for a new source of jobs.

REUTERS

Be a green-savvy consumer

Cars, wine, weddings — these days, everything is going green. Grocery stores are no exception with nearly every product boasting a green claim.

Though the increase in environmentally friendly products makes it easier for Canadians to make smart choices, it also makes it difficult for consumers to determine which products are truly eco-friendly.

To find products that are safe for your family and the environment, look for these features on the label:

Biodegradable

Biodegradable materials quickly and safely decompose into products that won't harm the soil, helping to minimize the impact on the environment. When shopping for products such as soap, shampoo and household cleaners, look for bottles made from biodegradable plastic. Green Works, a new line of natural household

Green holiday shopping tips

- Research and shop online with the help of sites like RedFlagDeals.com to ensure that you end up with quality products and don't have to drive to many stores.
- Don't fear shopping at thrift stores. A thoughtful gift will mean more than an expensive gift.

- Stuck on sweaters or socks as gift ideas? Give an assortment of CFL light bulbs, or replace someone's old Christmas lights with energy saving LED lights.
- Reuse gift bags. Don't throw them out when they still look perfectly new.

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No animal testing

Protect the eco-system by choosing products that do not test on animals.

NEWS CANADA

Report to aid lawmakers at UN climate summit

The United Nations published a report late last week to help lawmakers meeting at an upcoming UN climate summit to move closer to sealing a new agreement to confront potentially devastat-

ing global warming.

The next round of talks will be held in Poznan, Poland, from Dec. 1 to 12.

In the UN report, the European Union and other nations proposed limiting global average tempera-

ture increases to 2 C through measures such as emissions trading and technology transfer.

The current climate pact, the Kyoto Protocol, expires in 2012.

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Columbus wins MLS Cup

Guillermo Barros Schelotto led Columbus to victory in the MLS Cup yesterday, capping his MVP season with three assists in the Crew's 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



O'Neal's knee a cause for concern

Jermaine O'Neal left the Raptors' 118-103 loss to the Celtics yesterday. The centre had started despite having strained his surgically repaired left knee against New Jersey on Friday. Against the Nets, O'Neal hurt his knee when he was pulled down in the fourth quarter by Sean Williams. There was no structural damage, but O'Neal did not practise Saturday. "It just didn't have any stability, it was becoming a little too painful," said O'Neal yesterday. "The big picture for us is in the long term and we've got two days before the next game."

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Calgary puts its Stamp on Grey Cup

96TH GREY CUP

Stamps 22, Alouettes 14



You've been there before, surely. You wanted a job or a position badly — desperately — but you were not-so-nicely snubbed. And so then you dearly wanted to make the folks who rejected you regret their decision.

Well, Chris Jones was able to turn such a desire into reality in a tangible way last night. A defensive coach with Montreal the past seven years, Jones was unceremoniously discarded by the Alouettes before this season after he had applied to the club for the then-vacant position of head coach.

Last night, Jones got sweet revenge — in the form of a Grey Cup championship. Jones is the defensive co-ordinator of the Calgary Stampeders, and it was primarily his unit that was responsible for a 22-14 triumph over those Alouettes in the 96th edition of the CFL's showcase event.



Calgary Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris, right, scrambles for yardage against Montreal Alouettes linebacker Matthieu Proulx (20) during second half action at the CFL's 96th Grey Cup game at Olympic Stadium in Montreal yesterday.

ettes in the 96th edition of the CFL's showcase event.

The game wasn't especially entertaining — unless you're turned on by field goals and a dearth of touchdowns — but the Stamps could care less. For them, this fifth championship in their history was bone-chilling.

Calgary quarterback Henry Burris passed for 328 yards and rushed for 79 and was chosen the game's MVP. Calgary kicker Sandro DeAngelis was the game's top Canadian

after connecting on five of five field-goal attempts, including a 50-yarder late in the game to cement the victory. But it was the Calgary defence that particularly prevailed last night.

Using a brilliant game plan that stymied Montreal

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quarterback Anthony Calvillo, the CFL's premier player this season, the Stamps knocked down a staggering four passes, intercepted two and limited the Als to only one touchdown — and a measly single point in the second half.

"Chris Jones and his staff did an excellent job teaching a lot of young players to play defence," Calgary's rookie head coach, John Hufnagel, told TSN after the game.

"They grew and matured as the season progressed." Calvillo, who has only one Grey Cup ring despite six appearances in the final in a nine-year span, clearly was flustered by Jones' strategy.

"We made big second half adjustments," Stamps defensive lineman Mike Labinjo told TSN. "And we rattled Calvillo."

The Stamps trailed 13-10

at halftime, but Labinjo insisted they weren't bothered by the partisanship at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, which was occupied by 66,308 spectators — the second-largest crowd in Cup history.

"We faced plenty of adversity all year," Burris said, "and we knew we could come into Montreal and get through this kind of adversity, too."

Burris was able to abort suggestions from skeptics who felt he couldn't win a championship game.

"If you keep knocking on the door," Hufnagel said, "the door will open for you and it opened wide for Henry tonight."

The Stamps in general felt they were treated poorly when they were shut out at the 2008 CFL awards ceremonies last week. Calvillo got the nod over Burris as the CFL's outstanding player while DeAngelis lost out to the Toronto Argonauts' Dominique Dorsey as the league's best special-teams performer.

"They can take awards from us," Calgary receiver Nik Lewis said, "but they can't take the Grey Cup from us now."

Sports in brief

SPEED SKATING Canada's Christine Nesbitt and Kristina Groves won silver and bronze respectively yesterday in the World Cup 1,500-metre final.

BASEBALL The Chicago White Sox have reportedly agreed to terms on a lucrative contract with 19-year-old Cuban defector Dayan Viciedo. Considered to be a five-tool talent at third base, Viciedo defected from Cuba with his family in May. According to the Chicago Tribune, Viciedo worked out in the Dominican Republic last week.

F1 The Chinese Grand Prix is likely to continue in Shanghai beyond 2010 as the city continues its drive to become one of the great sporting hubs of the world, according to the organizers of the Formula One race. Reported comments by the deputy director of the Shanghai sports ministry, Qiu Weichang, that the city might give up its right to a five-year extension on the Grand Prix after 2010 were lost in translation, said Leon Sun of organisers Juss Events.

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Jets snap Titans' undefeated streak

NFL Brett Favre threw for 224 yards with two touchdowns and Leon Washington ran for a pair of scores, as the New York Jets ended Tennessee's undefeated season with a 34-13 rout at LP Field.

Thomas Jones ran for 96 yards on 27 carries and caught a touchdown pass for the Jets (8-3), who remained atop the AFC East with their fifth straight win. Washington finished with eight carries for 82 yards — 61 coming on a

touchdown run in the fourth quarter that essentially put the game away.

Favre completed 25-of-32 passes with an interception and set a new NFL record with his 14th straight 20-touchdown season, breaking the mark of 13 he shared with Dan Marino.

In other action, it was: **Steelers 27 Bengals 10** — Ben Roethlisberger didn't let a bitter, snowy night bother his throwing or running, totaling 243 yards

passing with a passing and rushing touchdown, as Pittsburgh methodically wore down Cincinnati 27-10 at Heinz Field.

Roethlisberger completed 17-of-30 passes, with five of those passes going to Santonio Holmes, who was shaken up on a helmet-to-helmet hit and did not return after amassing 84 receiving yards.

Patriots 48 Dolphins 28 — Matt Cassel threw for 415 yards and three touchdowns, leading the New

England Patriots to a 48-28 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

Randy Moss caught eight passes for 125 yards with three scores for the Patriots (7-4), who put the game away with 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter and bounced back nicely from last week's overtime loss to the Jets. With the win, New England remained one game behind New York in the AFC East race.

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QMJHL

STANDINGS

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
Moncton	19	2	2	41
Cape Breton	19	6	1	39
Saint John	16	10	1	34
Bathurst	11	13	4	28
P.E.I.	11	12	1	27
HALIFAX	8	18	1	17

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

HALIFAX 4 Saint John 2

Bathurst 4 Val-d'Or 1

Baie-Comeau 4 Rouyn-Noranda 3 (SO)

Cape Breton 4 P.E.I. 3 (SO)

Drummondville 10 Victoriaville 2

Quebec 6 Rimouski 2

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Saint John at HALIFAX, 7 p.m.

Val-d'Or at Victoriaville, 8:30

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Shawinigan at Lewiston, 8

Moncton at P.E.I., 7

Cape Breton at Gatineau, 8:30

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Nashville 5 Carolina 2

New Jersey 7 Tampa Bay 3

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers, 8

Dallas at Philadelphia, 8

N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 8:30

Carolina at Florida, 8:30

Washington at Minnesota, 9

Detroit at Vancouver, 11

Colorado at Anaheim, 11

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 118 Toronto 103

Minnesota 106 Detroit 80

Philadelphia 89 Golden State 81

Chicago at Denver

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers

NFL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 45 Carolina 28

Baltimore 36 Philadelphia 7

Buffalo 54 Kansas City 31

Chicago 27 St. Louis 3

Dallas 35 San Francisco 22

Houston 16 Cleveland 6

Minnesota 30 Jacksonville 12

New England 48 Miami 28

N.Y. Giants 37 Arizona 29

N.Y. Jets 34 Tennessee 13

Oakland 31 Denver 10

Tampa Bay 38 Detroit 20

Washington 20 Seattle 17

Indianapolis at San Diego

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Green Bay at New Orleans, 9:30

CIS FOOTBALL

VANIER CUP

SATURDAY'S GAME

AT HAMILTON, ONT.

Laval 44 Western Ontario 21

CFL

GREY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

YESTERDAY'S GAME

AT MONTREAL

Calgary 22 Montreal 14

CFL Commissioner Mark Cohon said in his annual state-of-the-league address that he wants to stage a regular-season game in Moncton in 2010. He wants the game to be played in the 20,000-seat stadium Moncton is building for the world junior track and field championships. **METRO HALIFAX**

Mooseheads snap skid

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It took them six games and 13 days, but the Halifax Mooseheads finally found a way to win on the road.

The Mooseheads wrapped up a long stretch away from the Metro Centre yesterday with a 4-2 win over the Saint John Sea Dogs in QMJHL action at Harbour Station.

After losing 5-2 to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Friday night, Halifax snapped its seven-game losing skid to finish the trip 1-4-1 with three of a possible 12 points.

"It's amazing what a win can do for your spirits," said Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell. "It's a real happy group of guys, and we've just got to try and ride this and try to keep the momen-



Yuri Chernetiev had a goal and two assists yesterday.

tum for our big one-game homestand."

The Mooseheads, who host the Sea Dogs tomorrow at 7 p.m. in their first home game in 17 days,

scored three goals in less than six minutes in the first period to grab a 3-0 lead.

Yuri Chernetiev, with a goal and two assists, was the first star, helping the

"It's a real happy group of guys, and we've just got to try and ride this and try to keep the momentum for our big one-game homestand."

Cam Russell

top line of Tomas Knotek and Jessyko Bernard contribute three of Halifax's four goals.

Bernard, a red-hot 17-year-old rookie who has six goals in seven games, had a goal and an assist. Knotek added a single.

"Those three guys are playing well, playing a lot, playing against other teams' top defence pairings every night," Russell said.

"They've probably had 75 per cent of our scoring late-

ly, and they've really done a good job."

Travis Randell had Halifax's other goal, while rookie goaltender Mathieu Corbeil steered aside 29 shots. Matt Boland, a 19-year-old winger, sat out with a shoulder injury.

With the win, the Mooseheads, 8-18-1 overall, moved six points ahead of the last-place Val-d'Or Foreurs.

Halifax now has a 2-1 record against Saint John, reputed to be one of the better teams on paper in the Q. "Our style of play kind of works against them," Russell said.

There's a glimmer of hope that might lead to their first back-to-back victories of the season tomorrow.

"We've got a little bit of momentum now and a positive dressing room, so we'll try to build on it," Russell said.

Saint Mary's closing on first-place Moncton

HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies are the hottest team in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey.

The Huskies have rattled off five straight wins, including weekend triumphs over the nationally second-ranked Moncton Aigles Bleus and the last-place St. Thomas Tommies.

Saint Mary's, 9-4, is now tied for second and just one point behind the first-place Aigles Bleus (9-3-1).

Huskies captain Marc Rancourt had a goal and six assists as part of a seven-point weekend, giving him eight goals and 19 assists for a conference-leading 27 points in 13 games.

The Dalhousie Tigers (3-9) lost a pair of weekend games.

Torch relay to hit Halifax

OLYMPICS The Olympic torch will make 10 stops in Halifax Regional Municipality in the leadup to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, organizers have announced.

The 35,000-kilometre, 100-day journey starts on Oct. 30, 2009, in Victoria, B.C., and travels the country before reaching its final destination at B.C. Place in Vancouver.

In addition to a stop in Halifax on Nov. 18, the torch will visit Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Cherry Brook, North Preston, Sackville, Beechville, Waverley, Enfield and Elmsdale.

For a route map and the other Nova Scotia stops, visit vancouver2010.com and click torch relays.

METRO HALIFAX

Huskies' late comeback sinks basketball Capers

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BASKETBALL A furious late-game comeback powered the Saint Mary's Huskies to a road win over the Cape Breton Capers yesterday.

Saint Mary's, trailing by 13 points with six minutes to go, stormed back and completed a 75-74 comeback victory at the buzzer when all-star Mark McLaughlin

drove to the hoop and set up Ikeobi Uchegbu for the winning basket.

The Huskies (3-1) are tied for third with the Capers in the Atlantic University Sport men's basketball standings.

"It was quite an ending," said Huskies head coach Ross Quackenbush. "We showed resilience, we didn't give up. Things didn't look good for us, but we dug our heels in and that's why you play. It had a good ending for us."

McLaughlin, a fourth-year guard from Dartmouth, hooped a game-high 20 points. Jack Gal-

linaugh added 14 points.

In other men's hoops action on the weekend, the Dalhousie Tigers went 2-0 with a 74-58 win over the New Brunswick Varsity Reds yesterday in Fredericton and a 94-50 thumping of the P.E.I. Panthers at Dalplex on Friday.

Germaine Bendegue totaled 34 points and 23 rebounds, while Josh Beattie had a team-high 35 points overall and Simon Farine added 32. The Tigers (4-2) are in second place.

In women's play, the Tigers also earned a sweep, dumping the V-Reds 79-59 yesterday and the Panthers 79-68 on Friday. They've recovered from a

dismal 0-3 start and are suddenly tied atop the league standings with a 3-3 record.

Jenna Kaye had a 17-point, seven-rebound, eight-assist afternoon yesterday, while Laurie Girdwood led the Tigers with 33-point weekend. Brianna Orr added 31 points.

Saint Mary's (1-3) fell 69-45 to Cape Breton yesterday.

Vanier Cup Perfect season, perfect ending



Universite Laval Rouge et Or quarterback Benoît Groulx celebrates with the Vanier Cup after defeating the University of Western Ontario Mustangs 44-21 to win the Vanier Cup at Hamilton's Ivor Wynne Stadium on Saturday. The win capped a perfect season for the Rouge et Or.

Sports in brief

AUS VOLLEYBALL The Dalhousie Tigers posted a 3-1 record at a Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's volleyball interlock tournament in Sherbrooke, Que., on the weekend. The Tigers' lone loss was a 3-0 sweep at the hands of the nationally third-ranked Laval Rouge et Or, but they earned 3-0 sweeps over McGill, Montreal and Sherbrooke.

AUS VOLLEYBALL The Saint Mary's Huskies wiped out the host St. Francis Xavier X-Women 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-16) in Atlantic University Sport women's volleyball play yesterday. Sophomore Kerri Smit had 16 kills, 10 digs and four aces as the third-place Huskies improved to 5-5.

METRO HALIFAX

University of Windsor opens Centre for English Language Development

Last week, the University of Windsor unveiled its new Centre for English Language and Development. The facility is located in a former Royal Canadian Legion building, which was sold to the university due to declining membership. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Workology



Soccer in Manitoba

Earlier this month, the University of Manitoba opened a new multi-field soccer complex. The larger playing field in the facility can be subdivided into smaller fields to accommodate different ages and abilities.

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Tree rings are great storytellers

OddJobs

Diane Peters

On a recent workday, Colin Laroque went down to the old mines near the Joggins Fossil Cliffs on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia to check out some pieces of wood with a historian visiting from England.

He took some doweling-shaped samples of the wood, using a hand auger, put them under a microscope and counted the rings down to a thousandth of a millimetre.

"Trees have many ways of telling us about the past," he says. As a dendrochronologist — a job title that simply breaks down to the words "tree" and "time" —



As a dendrochronologist, Colin Laroque knows that in the Maritimes, most of the old-growth forests have been clear-cut, and discovering a tree more than 200 years old is a huge find.

Laroque, 43, knows how to tap into this information.

He'll take the pattern of those tree rings and compare it to other samples he and his students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., have taken in the area.

When he synchs up the patterns, he'll know the year the tree was cut down to make the wood for the mine or dock. And that, in

turn, will tell him whether it was made by the Acadians before 1739, or the British who came later and took over the mines.

Such detective work is common for Laroque, who is an associate professor and director of the Mount Allison Dendrochronology Laboratory. He and his team of undergraduate and graduate students also help people date the wood in their

The Lowdown

Job title: Dendrochronologist**Salary:** \$45,000 to \$100,000**Education/training:** Graduate degree in geography under a dendrochronologist**Best Part of the Job:** "I enjoy being outside. I'm out hunting down trees and camping and I get to see a lot of the country."**Worst Part of the Job:** "Being in remote Labrador and wearing two bug jackets and trying to keep the bugs out while you're eating a sandwich."

homes to see if it was built by the Acadians — making it a lot more valuable.

Dendrochronologists do research, too — some of it very creative. One of Laroque's students is analyzing the heavy metals that have gotten into trees from the Sydney Tar Ponds over the years, while another is calculating how global warming will affect trees in the future.

A kid who loved the outdoors, Laroque grew up north of Saskatoon. He was studying physical geography at the University of Saskatchewan when a professor took him and a class out to look at a glacier. Laroque was not only fascinated by how important water was to his prairie homeland, but by the fact that the trees were the best way to track how the glacier had changed over the years.

He moved to Vancouver Island to do his master's and PhD at the University of Victoria, studying geography and dendrochronology, and then ended up at Mount Allison.

There are only about 20 dendrochronologists in Canada, and most of them work in the old virgin forests of British Columbia or Ontario, where there are trees as old as 900 years.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Building literacy a word at a time

EDUCATION Canada enjoys one of the highest literacy rates in the world, and yet, according to Human Resources and Social Development Canada, at least 40 per cent of Canadian adults do not meet the minimum level required to succeed in the knowledge-based economy. Studies have shown that children who are read to by their parents develop stronger language and listening skills, vocabulary and creativity. In addition, toddlers aged two to three who are read to several times a day do significantly better in kindergarten than those who are only read to a few times a week or less, according to ABC Canada Literacy Foundation.

"Literacy is about brain development, education and creativity, but it is also about fun," says Brad Martin, president of the Canadian Publishers' Council. "Whether being read to by a caregiver or for a school assignment, there is a lot of power in each and every book."

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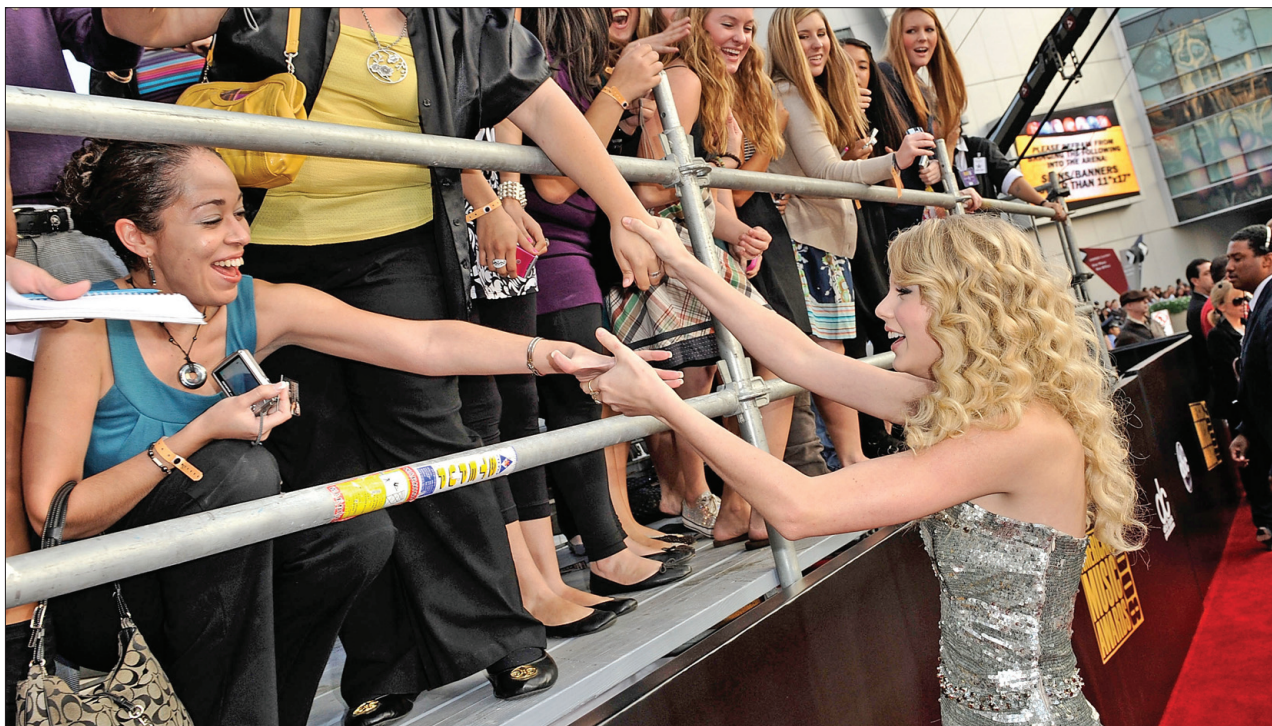




Ritchie's Rocco gets cameo
Guy Ritchie is reportedly giving his eight-year-old son Rocco a cameo appearance in his next film, *Sherlock Holmes*. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

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Singer Taylor Swift greets fans lined along the red carpet outside the American Music Awards in Los Angeles yesterday.

Stars come out to shine

R&B singer Chris Brown swept the American Music Awards yesterday, picking up three prizes including artist of the year.

He overshadowed Alicia Keys, who led the field with five nominations, and ended up with a pair of statuettes. She was considered the favourite for artist of the year, the ceremony's final award.

Brown was clearly shocked when his name was announced. He said he would have given the award to British rock band Coldplay, which was nominated for four awards, but went home empty-handed.

The 19-year-old star was also named favourite male artist in both the soul/R&B and pop/rock categories. His girlfriend, Rihanna, won those categories for the women.

Keys' awards were for her chart-topping disc, *As I Am*, which was named favourite album in the soul/R&B and

And the big winners are...

- Alicia Keys won favourite pop/rock album for *As I Am*
- Favourite rap/hip-hop album went to Kanye West
- Chris Brown won artist of the year, two other awards
- Brad Paisley won for favourite country artist
- Taylor Swift won for favourite female country act

spoken rapper Kanye West, who has never been afraid to express his dismay when he is overlooked at award shows. He won the first two American Music Awards of his career, but said he would give one of them away to fellow nominee, Lil Wayne.

"If it was last year, this would have been my award," he said of the favourite male rap/hip-hop category. "This year, it's Wayne's award. We'll see what happens next year."

Earlier, he won for the statuette for favourite rap/hip-hop album with *Graduation*. West challenged musicians of all genres to push each other, and to reclaim the spirit of artists like the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin. In his case, he declared, "I wanna be Elvis!"

But host Jimmy Kimmel retorted a little later, "Elvis died on the toilet with half a jelly donut in his mouth, so you might want to rethink that one."

For the second year, winners were determined by online voting. They used to be decided by a poll of 20,000 music buyers, but producers decided to make the event more inclusive in the wake of slumping ratings. The move seemed to work, with last year's show attracting 11.8 million viewers, up from 10.9 million the year before.

The performance-heavy event spanned the generations, from Disney starlet Miley Cyrus, who turned 16 yesterday, to former Eurythmics singer Annie Lennox.

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pop/rock categories.

Other multiple winners included out-

Christina Aguilera and T-Pain greeted fans on the red carpet.

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Vatican forgives Lennon

A Vatican newspaper has forgiven John Lennon for saying four decades ago that The Beatles were more popular than Jesus. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

**entertainment 15**

The land Down Under

Interest in Australia sure to swell again with new film

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

**It's a great line, maybe even a classic.**

Actor Paul Hogan, starring as the title character in *Crocodile Dundee*, is confronted by a mugger. Dundee's companion tells him to hand over his wallet — the kid's got a knife.

"That's not a knife," Dundee chuckles, and pulls out a bigger Bowie knife. "That's a knife."

The mugger flees and the world laughed along, loving Hogan as the Australian crocodile hunter out of his element in New York City. The year was 1986, and *Crocodile Dundee* was a critical and box-office smash, bringing Australia right along with it. The *Outback* was in, with a flurry of G'days, a few *Fosters* — and keep that dingo away from the baby.

With the release of director Baz Luhrmann's much-anticipated film *Australia*, interest in the country is sure to swell again.

But there's already an



Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman star in *Australia*.

Aussie presence active in our culture. Luhrmann has already made his mark with the films *Moulin Rouge*, *Romeo + Juliet* and *Strictly Ballroom*. His male lead on *Australia* is a fellow countryman Hugh Jackman, recently named Sexiest Man Alive by *People* magazine.

Jackman isn't the only popular leading man to come from the land Down Under. Russell Crowe, who

was born in New Zealand and moved to Australia as a child, won a best-actor Oscar for his performance in 2000's *Gladiator*.

Mel Gibson and Geoffrey Rush are other Australian Oscar winners. And there's Oscar buzz around another Aussie this year — Heath Ledger, who died in January, for his portrayal of the Joker in *The Dark Knight*. Australian women are al-

so prevalent on the big screen: Cate Blanchett and Naomi Watts are two of the best known; Winnipeg-born Anna Paquin grew up in New Zealand.

The female lead in Luhrmann's U.S.-born, but Australia-raised *Nicole Kidman*, who has had an impressive career, including an Oscar win for her performance in *The Hours* in 2003.

Plus, she makes up one half of what is probably the best-known Australian celebrity couple. Like Crowe, country rocker Keith Urban is a transplanted New Zealander. The two-time Grammy winner married Kidman in June 2006.

Kylie Minogue is another Grammy-garnering Aussie. She won for best dance recording in 2004.

Urban-Kidman may be Australia's most famous male-female couple, but there's no doubt about the top sibling couple. Guitarists Malcolm and Angus Young are the hard rock foundation of AC/DC. The legendary band's most recent CD, *Black Ice*, debuted at No. 1 in 29 countries.

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Box office

Ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- 1 Twilight:** \$70.6 million US
- 2 Quantum of Solace:** \$27.4 million
- 3 Bolt:** \$27 million
- 4 Madagascar: Escape 2**
- 5 Africa:** \$16 million
- 6 Role Models:** \$7.2 million
- 7 Changeling:** \$2.6 million
- 8 High School Musical 3: Senior Year:** \$2 million
- 9 Zack and Miri Make a Porno:** \$1.7 million
- 10 The Boy in the Striped Pajamas:** \$1.7 million

The Secret Life of Bees: \$1.3 million

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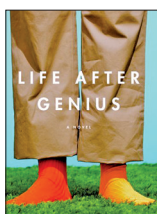
Kiss questions rock-hall snub

MUSIC They've sold millions of records, and influenced generations of fans and musicians. So why isn't Kiss in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

That's what Gene Simmons would like to know.

"There are disco bands, rap bands ... in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but not Kiss," the band's outspoken bassist said during a speech last week. **REUTERS**

Finding new Life After Genius

**Life After Genius**

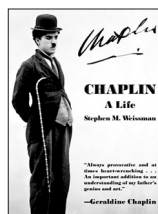
Author: M. Ann Jacoby
Publisher: Grand Central Publishing
Price: \$27.99 (Hardcover)

Up there with *Magnolia* quiz kid Donnie Smith and *Into the Wild*'s Chris (Alexander Supertramp) McCandless, you'll find Thomas Mead Fegley. In *Life After Genius*, he's the latest intellect-gone-awry whose youthful academic feats take an unpredictable turn when he's just 18. Already on the cusp of graduating university and proving an over century-old hypothesis, Fegley suddenly leaves school to return to his Illinois home. His decision to sell furniture and work as an embalmer confuses his parents, past acquaintances and everyone who knows the once-upon-a-time prodigy. But by escaping what he's always known, Fegley begins to learn who he really is.

**BookPicks****Signed, Mata Hari**

Author: Yannick Murphy
Publisher: Little, Brown and Company
Price: \$29.99 (Hardcover)

Who is the real Margaretha Zelle? Is she the disparaged wife of a broken marriage? World-travelling independent woman? Temple dancer Mata Hari? Or is the seeming jill-of-all-trades, as her imprisonment would suggest, a First World War spy for Germany? That's what the authorities that put her in a Paris jail believe. And it's her job to convince them otherwise, or face a gruesome demise. Yannick Murphy assembles an often erotic, rarely dull account of a woman begging for her life by authenticating her own past through narrative reflection.

**Chaplin: A Life**

Author: Stephen Weissman
Publisher: Arcade Publishing
Price: \$30.99 (Hardcover)

You already know Charlie Chaplin the mime, the clown and the tramp. But for the English comedian who would pave the way for modern comics, life wasn't always a laughing matter. In *Chaplin: A Life*, author Stephen Weissman traces the history of the famously mustached man, including his broken childhood when his parents' destitution forced him to take up residence at an orphanage. Weissman diverts from Chaplin the ham, delving into the early star's political persuasions and racy sexual past. Equipped with Chaplin quotes and photographs, *Chaplin: A Life* removes the cane and derby hat to deliver the facts behind the funny.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

ABC has opted not to order additional episodes of Pushing Daisies, Eli Stone and Dirty Sexy Money for this season. The network isn't commenting, but multiple sources confirm that all three shows have effectively been cancelled. **EW.COM**

Guns N' Roses not bringing Democracy to mainland China

MUSIC Guns N' Roses fans in China will have to go underground to get their hands on a copy of the band's first album in 17 years, Chinese Democracy, which will be released worldwide Sunday.

The rock band's Geffen Records label said Friday, "It is unlikely we will be approved to release the album in mainland China."

China's culture ministry has the final say on such matters, although rampant piracy makes the job difficult.

The title track might raise some eyebrows. Evidently addressing China's communist leadership, lead singer Axl Rose says followers of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement have "seen the end and you can't hold on now."

The artwork includes Beijing artist Shi Lifeng's 2008 oil painting Red Star, which depicts the powerlessness of Chinese people in a state ruled by an iron fist. Photos of the Chinese military and the Hong Kong skyline also appear in the album's artwork.

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Even TV feels the financial chill

IntelleVision



NO ONE LOVES YOU WHEN YOU'RE DOWN AND OUT: For as long as I've been writing this column, CTV's upfront presentation has been the big event of the local TV calendar, an expensive, high-profile media event where the network takes over a marquee Toronto venue (the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Sony and Four Seasons performing arts centres) to bang the drum for their newly acquired roster of shows and the continuing success of old ones.

Under CTV boss Ivan Fecan, the network's business strategy has been easy to summarize: Invest in local product prudently with halfhearted hopes that you'll get a homegrown hit, while throwing lots of money at U.S. producers to get simul-

cast rights for the prime-time hours.

It worked well enough for main competitor Global to be obligated to do much the same thing, but like everything else that's going on in this chilly, anxious fall-into-winter season of change (with our without a capital C), it's looking like an artifact from another time.

A front-page article in the National Post's financial section this past weekend eulogized the Fecan era while the man still occupies his office, after the network's parent company, CTVglobemedia, announced a major round of cutbacks to staff and budgets last week.

Fecan's "spend money to make money" philosophy "is now facing grave uncertainty," according to the Post, and Fecan delivered an address to employees nationwide on Wednesday "warning of impending layoffs and a freeze on travel and entertainment spending at CTV Inc., the country's largest private broadcaster."

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Precise details of what's going on at CTV or its parent company aren't easy to divine, thanks to its status as a private company with a small number of large shareholders that doesn't have to publish financial information. So we'll watch to see how precisely it intends to weather the current economic downturn across a variety of media, but the fate of CTV will be watched closest of all.

What went wrong is

easy to figure out when you read news like ABC's cancellation of three of its primetime shows, all of them once part of CTV's buying spree down south.

The Canadian network's website no longer puts Pushing Daisies, Eli Stone or Dirty Sexy Money front and centre — they aren't even on the list of shows linked off CTV's website front page — but they were all trophies brought home by Fecan and Susanne Boyd, his head of creative content, and showcased at recent upfronts.

In this light, CTV has never been the author of its own success, and probably doesn't have the thick cushion of money ABC can expect from Disney, its corporate parent, though it's unlikely that neither of them will escape the humbling fate due to media companies, now being accelerated by poor shows and a poorer economy.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

SAG to seek strike mandate

STRIKE The main union representing U.S. film and television actors said it would seek a strike authorization vote by members after federal mediation failed to break a logjam in labour talks with major Hollywood studios. The Screen Actors Guild, which represents 120,000 performers across the United States, said in a statement that no timeline had been set for a vote, which would give SAG leaders the go-ahead to call for a work stoppage and provide leverage in negotiations.

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Damon to be re-Bourne

Movie studio bosses have signed a deal to revive Matt Damon's amnesiac assassin character in a new instalment of the action-movie series The Bourne Identity. [IMDB.COM](#)



Long named new executive director of MNS

MUSIC Scott Long is the new executive director of Music Nova Scotia.

The Pictou County native and graduate of St. Francis Xavier University was named to the post on Friday and will officially take over Dec. 1. Several dozen people applied for the job, with MNS's board of directors choosing Long as the winning candidate.

"I've known Scott for many years, and his well-rounded experience in the music business is, without a doubt, first class," said MNS president Brian Doherty. "We're looking forward to working with Scott — his energy and passion for the industry has been demonstrated on many occasions."

Long was hired in June to be MNS's project co-ordinator for Nova Scotia Music Week and Bringin' It Home. He was also event manager for Nova Scotia Music Week in 2007. A musician at heart, Long has been piping much of his life and has toured for more than a decade with Seven Nations and also Ashley MacIsaac.

METRO HALIFAX

Acclaimed cellist to perform with symphony

SYMPHONY Fresh off back-to-back sold-out performances with Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster over the weekend, Symphony Nova Scotia is returning to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for a concert with internationally acclaimed cellist Paul Marellyn.

The show will feature Marleyn in Schumann's Cello Concerto, which was written in just two weeks in 1850 and is one of the first of its kind to step outside of traditional concerto formalities.

Also on the program are works by composers Maurice Ravel, Domenico Scarlatti and Franz Josef Haydn.

Tickets are \$32 to \$47.50. Call 494-3820 or visit [symphonynovascotia.ca](#).

METRO HALIFAX

In brief

FUNDRAISER Tickets are available for JazzEast's fifth annual gala fundraiser for Music Education at the Schooner Room at Casino Nova Scotia on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,000 for a table of eight. Call 492-2225.

METRO HALIFAX

Giving voice to a tragedy

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The Laramie Project paints a portrait of a town reacting to a very tragic event.

And with 60 different voices in the play, the opinions offered are widespread.

"In every individual reaction, you get the full spectrum of politics. You get the full spectrum of possible emotions. You get the full spectrum of opinions," said Christian Barry, the director for Dalhousie Theatre's newest production, which opens tomorrow night at the Sir James Dunn Theatre in the Dalhousie Arts Centre.

"In every single community, a horrible event like this is absolutely possible. And it sort of asks the question what degree of responsibility do we all have, which is not an easy question to answer — probably an impossible question to answer."

The Laramie Project, by Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Project, records the voices of real-



Candye Sellars rehearses a scene at the Sir James Dunn Theatre for Dalhousie Theatre's production of The Laramie Project, which will run Tuesday through Saturday.

life citizens in Laramie, Wyo., after a gay student named Matthew Sheppard was brutally beaten and murdered near the town in October 1998.

This real-life hate-crime resulted in a great deal of media attention being focused on the town as the

citizens struggled to uncover the crime's roots while searching for hope to the future.

A cast of 16 perform this docudrama that uses few props, as the piece is created from interviews and found texts.

"In a way, our job is infi-

nately simple and infinitely complex because it's our job to be truthful and respectful of the people we bring to life, but that in and of itself is a pretty steep challenge," said Barry, a 29-year-old Dalhousie Theatre graduate who splits his time living and

If you go

- **WHAT:** Dalhousie Theatre presents The Laramie Project
- **WHEN:** Tomorrow through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Sir James Dunn Theatre at Dalhousie Arts Centre
- **TICKETS:** \$12 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors.

working between Halifax and Toronto.

"We don't get to meet these people. All we have is their words."

Barry said he will consider the play a success if the "audience sees a reflection of its own diverse community" when it's over. The theatre students at Dalhousie specifically asked to do this play, something Barry hopes is shown on stage.

"It remains to be seen to some degree, but they're energized and passionate," he said.

"I think as a group, they're pretty special."

critics' corner

The Border

The government involved in drug smuggling? Say it ain't so! In this new episode, cheap heroin from Afghanistan is being smuggled into the country, and Kessler (James McGowan) strongly suspects the Canadian military is playing a role in covering up the operation. Sofia Milos, Nazneen Contractor, Mark Wilson and Catherine Diser also star in "Good Intentions." 9 PM on CBC



Faerie Queen

If you've sat through "The Nutcracker" without being bored to tears, you might be ready for this enjoyable production from 2003, choreographed by John Alleyne and performed by Ballet British Columbia. Based on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," it's an exuberant, whimsical tale of love, mischief and magic. 9 PM on BRVO

Monty Python's The Meaning of Life

It's Monty Python. What does that mean? Lowbrow humor for highbrow intelligence. This 1983 film tries — although not very hard — to find, well, the meaning of life. Considering life includes conception and death, expect some rather crude references and a scene that — well, let's just say if vomit makes you squeamish, you should keep the remote handy. 10 PM on PIX

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	52	52	52	RSE	Prime Time Sports	Hockey 2008 ADT Canada Russia Challenge -- OHL vs. Russia. From St. Catharines, Ont.				Sportsnet Con.		
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	RaceNight			(10:15) WWE Monday Night Raw		
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	40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Newlywed	Beautiful	Party Mamas
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1	Lost "Two for the Road"		Star Trek (Part 2 of 2)	Battlestar Galactica			Eureka
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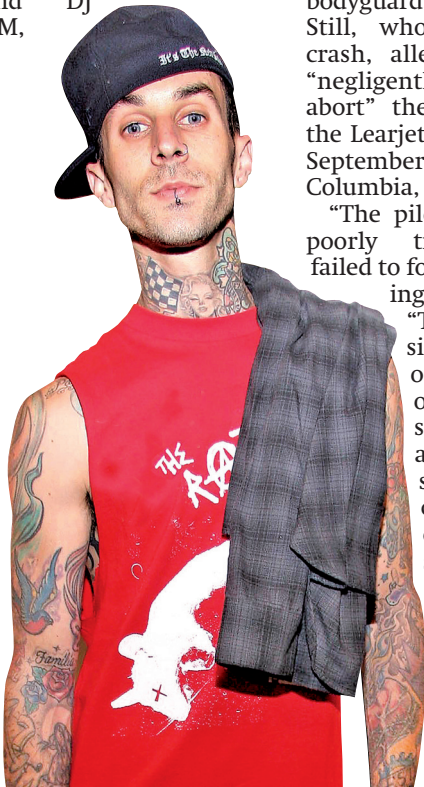


Kurkova deemed sexiest
Karolina Kurkova has been deemed World's Sexiest Woman. E! Entertainment Television bestowed the honour on the model. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Barker files lawsuit

LEGAL Travis Barker has filed a lawsuit blaming the pilots and defective equipment for a plane crash that severely injured the rocker and DJ AM,



and killed four other people, People.com reports.

The L.A. Superior Court lawsuit, also filed Friday by the mother of Barker's bodyguard, Charles (Che) Still, who died in the crash, alleges the pilots "negligently decided to abort" the takeoff when the Learjet's tires failed in September at an airport in Columbia, S.C.

"The pilots were either poorly trained and/or failed to follow their training," the suit says. "The pilots' decision was a breach of their duty owed to the passengers onboard and was a substantial factor in causing the crash and resultant injuries and deaths."

Pilot Sarah Lemmon, 31, and co-pilot James Bland, 52, were killed in the crash, as

were Barker's assistants Chris Baker, 29, and Still, 25.

The lawsuit also alleges that one or more of the tires failed, "leaving tire debris and portions of airplane components along the 8,600-foot runaway" and that the plane's landing gear, tires, wheels, brakes, reverse thrust system, and squat switches "were not airworthy."

Barker, who is recovering from severe burns, is claiming the crash caused him pain and suffering, mental anguish, psychological and emotional distress, disfigurement, loss of earnings capacity and medical expenses.

Federal aviation officials are focusing on bare tires and debris on the runway as the causes of the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board says the wheels had very little rubber remaining and its brakes were severely damaged.

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Reese not ready for marriage

RELATIONSHIPS Reese Witherspoon thinks it is too soon to think about marrying boyfriend Jake Gyllenhaal, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 32-year-old actress, who has two children with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, admits divorce has changed her opinions about the institution of marriage.

"Family is all we have in life, but I don't know how I feel about marriage," she



said. "Obviously, I'm not far enough out of being married to think about doing it again. You sort of reconstitute your family. You find a family with people who come into your life for a reason."

Witherspoon, who has never revealed the reasons for her di-

vorice, also revealed she always vowed not to "lay blame" on Phillippe for their relationship breakdown.

"There are things in my life that are hard to reconcile, like divorce," she told Parade magazine. "Sometimes it is very difficult to make sense of how it could possibly happen. Laying blame is so easy. When you make wrong choices, you have to take responsibility for them, 'What part of this do I own?' I struggle to figure out what made me make those choices. All I can hope for is that I've learned something from it and won't make the same choices again."

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New mom Sweetin files for separation

SPLIT Former Full House star and new mom Jodie Sweetin is splitting with her husband, People.com reports.

Sweetin, 26, filed papers Wednesday in Orange County, Calif., for legal separation from Cody Herpin, 31, whom the actress had once called a "blessing" who helped turn around her life after years of methamphetamine addiction. The couple became parents of daughter Zoie in April.

Sweetin's agent, Stella Alex, says Sweetin is "ab-

solutely clean" and that the couple have "come to this path in their life and she felt like this is the way she had to go. Jodie says it's unfortunate but it's just what has to happen right now. No more details, only because she says she doesn't want to be disrespectful to him."

The pair were mar-



ried in July 2007 and recently announced they were working on a reality show together.

According to the Superior Court papers, Sweetin seeks joint legal and physical custody of Zoie.

The actress lists the date of separation as Tuesday and cites as the cause the standard "irreconcilable differences."

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Penn helps ex Madonna

RELATIONSHIPS Madonna is doing her best to get through her split from husband Guy Ritchie, with a little help from ex-husband Sean Penn, People.com reports a source close to the singer as saying.

"It's a sad situation, but she's not heartbroken," says the source, who saw the 50-year-old icon hours before a London court granted the couple a preliminary "quickie divorce" on Friday. "She's handling it well."

Madonna is focusing on her work and her children to keep her mind off the end of her nearly eight-year marriage to Ritchie, says the source. "She's got a very busy life."

Also helping her through the tough time is her ex-hus-

band. The singer and Penn were spotted having drinks at the Greenwich Hotel in Manhattan on Wednesday night.

"They have a nice rapport," says the source. "There's nothing romantic there. They're just good friends."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Williams asks to grieve in peace

PEOPLE Actress Michelle Williams has slammed the paparazzi for refusing to let her grieve in peace following the death of her ex-boyfriend Heath Ledger in January, imdb.com reports.

In her first indepth interview since the tragedy, the actress tells the upcoming issue of Newsweek magazine she'll never forgive the disrespectful snappers who have made her life a misery in the past year — and she won't forget them.

Williams tells the publication she was particularly disturbed with the efforts some photographers went to just to get a photo of her young daughter Matilda.

"It burns a fire inside of me, the s— that I've seen people do to get at me or my daughter," she says. "I won't forget it, and I won't support it. I don't want my daughter growing up feeling spied on or threatened."

And it was one encounter with an overzealous female paparazzo, which tipped Williams over the edge.

"I said, 'You're better than this. Look at you! You're young, you're able-bodied, you have a brightness in your eyes. You're above this.' But you know what? She didn't go away," Williams adds.

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Beyonce/Jay-Z high earners

PEOPLE Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z have been named Hollywood's highest-earning couple, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The married pair topped the list compiled by Forbes magazine after collectively making \$162 million US between June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008.

Hip-hop star Jay-Z pocketed \$82 million from a 10-year deal with Live Nation, while Beyonce raked in \$80 million from film, fashion and publishing deals.

Actors Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith finished second place in the list, with earnings of \$85 million.

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Ivanka signs on for book deal

CAREER Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump is on the fast-track to building her own business empire, after signing a deal to publish a new book, imdb.com reports.

The 26-year-old former model, who holds an executive office at the Trump Organization and appeared on her father's

TV show The Apprentice, has signed on with publishers at Simon & Schuster to write a motivational book.

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Maguire's wife is pregnant again

FAMILY Another gem is on the way for Tobey Maguire and his wife, Jennifer Meyer, People.com reports.

The couple — already parents to Ruby, 2 — are expecting a second child in the spring, the actor's rep Kelly Bush confirms to People.

"I love being a dad!" the three-time Spider-Man star, 33, told People when Ruby was just six months old. He and Meyer, 31, met in 2003 and married in September 2007.



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Jessica excited about aunt role

FAMILY Jessica Simpson is ecstatic about her latest role — aunt to newborn Bronx Mowgli Wentz, People.com reports.

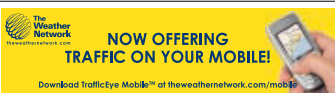
"Bronx is beyond precious. I'm over the moon with joy," the singer said Friday. "Life is a beautiful miracle. Ashlee and Pete are healthy, happy and enjoying every moment."

Singer Ashlee Simpson-Wentz and husband Pete Wentz welcomed their first child on Thursday night.

Jessica isn't the only family member to be thrilled about the birth of Bronx. Both sets of grandparents expressed joy and pride over the new addition to the family.

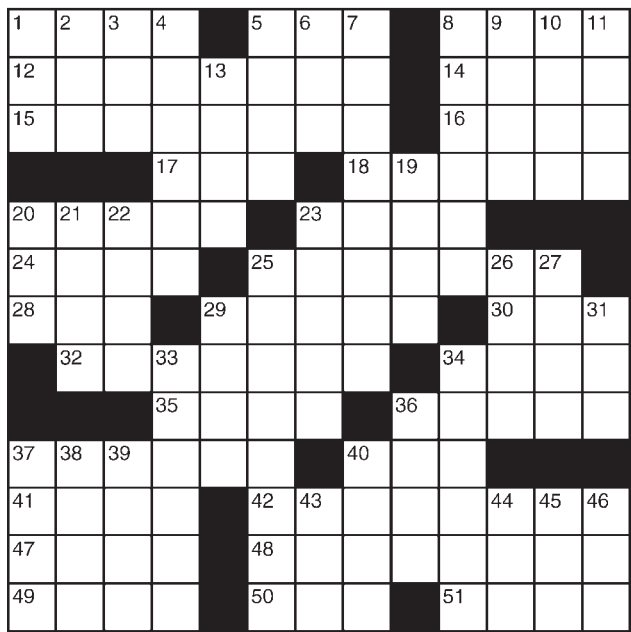
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Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Nessie's home, for one
5 Banned insecticide
8 Post-bout apparel
12 Examination
14 Watched
15 Reverie
16 Repair
17 Speck
18 Open square, in Italy
20 With fervor
23 Poolroom prop
24 Reed instrument
25 Ray of light
28 Glutton
29 Play the banjo
30 Craze
- 32 Wrestling format
34 Dwindle
35 Get better
36 Shakespeare's Kate
37 Jewish village
40 Pair
41 Harbour city
42 Ben & Jerry's product
47 Settled down
48 Choker, e.g.
49 Interoffice note
50 Earth (Prefix)
51 Mulligan —

Crossword down

- 1 Hallucinogen letters
2 Goose, in Guadalajara
3 Weep
4 Football conference?
5 Regimen
6 "CSI" find
7 Middle ear membrane
8 Updated movie
9 Courtroom call
10 Mercedes —
11 Icelandic epic
13 Helen's home
19 Cold War missile
20 Short flight
21 Newspaper notice
22 Forum garb
23 Not urban
- 25 Thief's task
26 Somewhere out there
27 Lion's pride?
29 Undo a dele
31 Morning moisture
33 Certain city area
34 Fingerprint spirals
36 Use a straw
37 Junk e-mail
38 Golf goal
39 Slender
40 Erte's style of art
43 Bee follower
44 Chow down
45 Expert
46 Kitten's call

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Tuna and Bell Pepper Salad

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 12 oz (200 mL) new potatoes
2 oz (240 mL) thin green beans
4 small eggs
8 oz (130 mL) mixed salad leaves
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped parsley
1 tbsp (15 mL) snipped fresh chives
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp (15 mL) tapenade (black olive paste)
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tbsp (25 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp (15 mL) red-wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 mL) balsamic vinegar
10 to 15 radishes, thinly sliced
1 can water-packed tuna, drained
3 oz (40 mL) cherry tomatoes
1 red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
1 green bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
8 black olives
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
Fresh basil leaves
- METHOD:**
1. Place potatoes in a saucepan and cover with boiling water. Boil over medium heat 10 minutes. Add beans and continue boiling until potatoes are tender and beans are just cooked, about 5 minutes longer. Drain well; set aside to cool.
2. Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium, add eggs, and from the time the water starts to simmer cook 10 minutes. Rinse eggs in cold water, peel and place in cold water.
3. Toss salad leaves with parsley, chives and red onion in a large, shallow bowl.
4. For dressing, beat tapenade with garlic, olive oil, red-wine vinegar and balsamic vinegar in a small bowl, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour two-thirds dressing over salad leaves and toss together.
5. Halve potatoes and arrange on top of leaves with green beans, radishes, tuna chunks, tomatoes, bell peppers and olives. Halve eggs and add to salad. Pour remaining dressing over and sprinkle with basil leaves.
- SERVES 4**



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

- ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Make the first move in a new friendship. A man offers to buy your assets. Don't loosen up in the presence of a known critic.
- TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Hide your true feelings for a former love. Believe only half of what you hear. Shoulder pain reveals a strain.
- LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23

A powerful experience will change your attitude. A selfish guy makes you grit your teeth. Boundary issues will be upsetting.
- SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22

Take care around hot things. Having an observant approach will save you time. A childish person wants emotional support.

- GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21

There's no need to teach anyone a lesson. Management will make a special deal. A tiresome person really doesn't care about you.
- CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Make up your mind to get going with your life. Say important things with candor. A scrumptious treat will bring friends together.
- SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21

Try to understand somebody's ridiculous viewpoint. You'll get insight into a stressful situation. A perfectionist is changed by falling in love.
- CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20

Pay attention to a demanding spoilsport. There's a rough assignment ahead. Benefits are in store when a friend helps out.

- LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23

Happiness is the result of being understood. You were born to be wild. Open your heart to an Aquarian.
- VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22

A stubborn person slows down your progress. A stranger improves your mood. You'll solve the mystery of love.
- AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18

You're getting restless again. A ludicrous promise is just a bit alarming. You'll be standoffish with disgusting people.
- PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20

A patient person has a balanced approach. See a doctor if a minor illness won't go away. A narrow-minded person hurts another's feelings.

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2. Single-file line got longer (1)
3. Belgrade native's action words (1)
4. In-the-neighborhood bumpkin (2)
5. Casual runner's light-colored beers (2)
6. Moves towards and gets Georgia fruits (2)
7. Illness-treating drug commitment (4)

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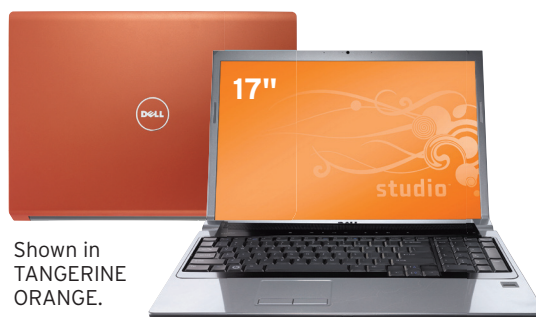
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